

Planning Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
10:30-12:00 noon
Montana Board Room, NAH 359

Members Present

Jodi Allison-Bunnell
Kristin Blackler
Sophia Burchfield
Steven Davis
Chris Fastnow
Brian Gillespie
Brett Gunnink
Katie Ivester
Chris Kearns
Jennifer Lachowiec
Terry Leist
Susan Raph

Others Present

Rebecca Belou
Mary Kate Blake
Ariel Donohue
Ian Godwin
Megan Lasso
Craig Ogilvie
Kathryn Pearson
Richard Rudnicki
Steve Swinford

- I. Welcome and announcements
 - A. The Board of Regents meeting will be November 17 and 18. OPA Director Fastnow encourages everyone to pop in and see legislation in action.
- II. Approval of minutes from September 28, 2022 - Approved, with corrected attendance as posted.
- III. Discussion
 - A. Additional items for work plan for AY 23
 1. What should we be talking about this year in Planning Council?
 1. Review last discussion: monitor goal updates, recommend priority goals, hear about resources for student financial health, planning to plan.
 2. Possible role for PC to give input to next housing project. Individuals who want to be involved can let VPAF Leist know.
 3. Please bring additional ideas for the agenda throughout the year to the chair.
 - B. Continue progress report on Goal 1.1
 1. Discussing progress on 1.1.3 through 1.1.5, the Council had a robust conversation about space for Gallatin College workforce programs, Associates degree awards for students who may leave short of a Bachelors but with the required credits, identifying students at risk of departing before they leave, reaching out to students before and after they depart, pending academic

standing policy changes and attendant plans for interventions, dual enrollment, developmental education and co-requisite course delivery and improvements. Ivester brought additional data and information about Math co-req delivery and current improvements

2. 1.1.6 refocused us on understanding the students that stay to learn why. The best predictors of staying is students' believing someone who represents the university (faculty, residence hall staff, etc) knows them and is invested in their success and seeing a connection between the college education and their longer term purpose and goals. There was discussion of practical steps to improve connection to University and purpose, like JJCBE's new first year expo, using NavMSU to reach out to students before Thanksgiving about getting a Spring schedule, and issuing an Early Alert or connecting directly with students.
3. There was discussion around improving the data collection and reporting for 1.1.7.

Fastnow exercised Chair prerogative to call for new business and public comment before the time elapsed for the meeting.

IV. Other business - none

V. Public comment - none

III. Returning to Discussion Items

C. Fall Institutional Report

1. This report annually addresses four questions: how many people work here, how many people study here, what are the student outcomes, and how much money do we spend. Council looked at part of the first question in this meeting and discussed the impacts of the hiring moratorium, delayed sabbaticals, other causes for the tenurable faculty trends. Council briefly discussed student:faculty ratios. Board of Regents suggests an 18 to 1 ratio across all students and faculty for every campus. This is the only target that has been explicitly laid out for us, but a conversation can be had about where the ideal should be.

Next meeting: November 16, 2022 10:30 am -12 noon, (tentatively – watch for confirmation) MT Room